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In re Application for:

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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS  
FOR REGULATING FAS-  
ASSOCIATED APOPTOSIS

Examiner: D. Romeo

Group Art Unit: 1646

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Box AF  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 17, 1999, in connection with the above-identified application. A response to this Action was originally due on June 17, 1999. A Petition for Extension of Time for one month and appropriate fee is submitted herewith. The due date for the response is now July 17, 1999. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

**I. AMENDMENTS**

Please amend the subject application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Cancel claims 53 and 57, without prejudice or disclaimer.